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SUBJECT: EC TARIFF ON AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH FONMIN AND DREE OFFICIALS AND LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE SUMMARIZING ARGUMENTS. IN BOTH CONVERSATIONS AND AIDE MEMOIRE, EMBASSY REQUESTED THAT GOF REFRAIN FROM SUPPORTING FURTHER REIMPOSITION OF TARIFFS ON AIRCRAFT MATERIEL. FOLLOWING COMMENTS WERE MADE BY DE PANNEFIEU, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT TO COLLIN, CHIEF OF MULTILATERAL TRADE SECTION OF DREE.

2. DE PANNEFIEU REPLIED BY READING FROM A JANUARY 10 MEMORANDUM ON SUBJECT WHICH HE SAID HE HAD PREPARED FOR FINANCE MINISTER. GIST OF MEMORANDUM IS THAT IN THIS CASE GOF IS INNOCENT OF ANY VIOLATION OF GOOD FAITH. THIS IS CASE, ACCORDING TO MEMORANDUM, BECAUSE IT WAS BRITISH AND NOT FRENCH WHO HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE ON THESE ITEMS. BRITISH, AS SOLE PURCHASERS OF TRISTAR

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IN EC, DESIRED TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION TO FACILITATE PURCHASE

OF BRITISH EQUIPMENT IN AIRCRAFT. IN ANY EVENT, MEMORANDUM CONTINUED, DECISION TO ESTABLISH ANNEX II WAS NOT A FRENCH BUT AN EC ACTION. MEMORANDUM ALSO STATED THAT GE-SNECMA COMMITMENT NEVER OCCURED TO GOF OFFICIALS WHEN ANNEX II ITEMS FIRST DISCUSSED. MEMORANDUM ALSO POINTED OUT THAT BASIC SUSPENSION LIST FOR 1974 REGISTERED AN INCREASE OF LINE ITEMS FROM 50 TO 68, SO LIST OF SUSPENDED ITEMS HAS IN EFFECT BEEN CONSIDERABLY EXPANDED.

3. DE PANNEFIEU SAID THAT WHEN GOF SIGNED GE-SNECMA UNDERSTANDING THEY CONSIDERED THAT "MATERIELS AERONAUTIQUES" INCLUDED ONLY AIRCRAFT AND ITEGRAL PARTS OF AIRCRAFT. THUS GOF INTERPRETATION CONSIDERS RADIO AND NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ANNEX II ITEMS AS "PIECES DETACHEES."

4. DE PANNEFIEU PROMISED TO STUDY EMBASSY COMMENTS AND GIVE US REPLY, PROBABLY WITHIN WEEK.
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